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SUBJECT: REPLY TO USSR PROTESTAGAINST BUNDESTAG
PRESIDIUM MEETING IN BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 3990; (B) MOSCOW 046

1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING MARCH 14 THE REPS OF THE THREE ALLIES AGREED AD REF ON A TEXT FOR REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHE. ALLIED REPS AGREED TO FRG REP'S PROPOSAL THAT TEXT WOULD BE PASSED TO CHANCELLERY ONLY AFTER REACTIONS OF ALLIED CAPITALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. BEGIN TEXT:
(A) WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION OF 2 JANUARY 1974 CONCERNING MEETINGS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN OF CERTAIN ORGANS OF THE BUNDESTAG OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, I AM AUTHORIZED TO STATE THE FOLLOWING ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE ALLIES:

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(1) NEITHER THE PRAESIDIUM NOR THE COUNCIL OF

ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG IS AT PRESENT SCHEDULED TO HOLD A MEETING IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, NOR HAS A MEETING BEEN HELD AS MENTIONED IN YOUR COMMUNICATION.

(2) THERE IS NO INTENTION OF HOLDING MEETINGS OF THE PRAESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF THE BUNDESTAG WHICH ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE POWERS IN ANNEX II TO THE QA IN THE LIGHT OF THE CLARIFICATION AND INTERPRETATION CONTAINED IN THE ASSOCIATED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 FROM THE AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FRG, WHICH HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOVIET UNION PRIOR TO ITS DESPATCH. END TEXT.

2. FRG REP (LUECKING) ASKED PARTICULARLY IF ALLIES FELT STRONGLY ABOUT INCLUSION IN SUB-PARA (1) LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT NO MEETING OF PRESIDUM PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR BERLIN. SENTIMENT OF ALLIED REPS WAS THAT REPLY WOULD BE RATHER EMPTY WITHOUT SUCH INDICATION AND THAT PHRASE IS, AT LEAST FOR PRESENT, AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF FACT.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT FRG WILL USE PHRASE MENTIONED ABOVE AS ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION WITH RENGAR TO KEEP HER IN CHECK -- WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO US TO BE AT ALL OBJECTIONABLE. WHAT WE WILL DO, HOWEVER, IS TRY TO ASSURE THAT IF TEXT IS INDEED MADE KNOWN TO HER, IT IS PRESENTED AS APPROVED BY GOVERNMENTS OF ALL FOUR, AND NOT AS ONLY A TRIPARTITE TEXT.

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